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In re Patent Application of: Mercure et al.

Entitled: Reinforced Shrink Wrap and Method of Manufacture

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

This is a request for filing a divisional application, claiming priority to prior U.S. patent application Serial No.09/263,186, filed on March 5, 1999, entitled *Reinforced Shrink Wrap and Method of Manufacture* by the following named inventor(s):

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1. ☒ Enclosed is 15 pages of the specification, 3 pages of claims, and 1 page of abstract.
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -20=	3	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 54.00
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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, reference 41836.00055USD1(BAI).
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$397.00 for the application fee is enclosed.
5. ☒ Applicant is a small entity. Small Entity status was established in the parent application that this divisional claims priority to. Therefore, Small Entity status is still appropriate and desired.
6. ☒ A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application is enclosed. An Associate Power of Attorney is also enclosed.
7. ☒ This application claims priority to a previously filed U.S. patent application. Therefore, after the titled please insert --PRIOR RELATED APPLICATIONS  
This application is divisional application claiming priority to previously filed U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/263,186, filed on March 5, 1999, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--.
8. ☒ This application is assigned to Reef Industries, Inc. at Reel/Frame 010165/0748 recorded on August 13, 1999.
9. ☒ 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings are enclosed.
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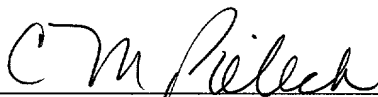
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**REMARKS**

This application is a divisional application claiming priority to a previously filed U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/263,186, filed on March 5, 1999. Claims 1 – 24 and 27 – 31 have been deleted. New claims 32 – 52 have been added. Support for claims 32 - 52 can be found on pages 5 to 23. The requisite fee is enclosed. Should there be any additional fees required, please charge such additional fees to Deposit Account 10-0447, reference 41836.00055USD1 (BAI).

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